

To: Governor's Office of Land Use &
Climate Innovation
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From: Lead Agency:
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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To: Placer County Clerk Recorder
3715 Atherton Drive
Rocklin, CA 95765

Project Title: Michigan Bluff Community Protection Project Amendment No.3 (SNC 1322.3) (SCH 2021070335)

Project Location – Specific: Along forest service roads on the American River Ranger District of Tahoe National Forest,

Project Location - City: None. USFS roads around Sugar Pine and Big Reservoirs on Tahoe National Forest. 4.6mi NE of Iowa Hill and 5.7 mi SE of Secret Town.

Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy will amend its grant agreement #1322 for funding to the National Forest Foundation to partner with the U.S. Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest to implement fuel breaks on both sides of Forest Service Roads extending from Michigan Bluff to Sugar Pine Reservoir. The project strategically addresses safe access for communities in the Wildland Urban Intermix. The amendment authorizes grant funds to be used for 1) piling of biomass previously cut by the USFS along Elliot Ranch Road, and 2) fuel break treatments on the 89.5 acres along Iowa Hill Road, Finning Hill Road, Sugar Hill Road, and Brimstone Road approved under the National Environmental Policy Act in the Sugar Pine Roadside Fuel Break Decision Memo Update signed on January 6, 2026. Fuel breaks to 600 ft wide (300 ft each side of road) will be created using a combination of mastication, cutting and piling, pruning, pile burning, and broadcast prescribed fire. These treatments will concentrate on surface, ladder, conifer fuels generally less than 10 inches diameter at breast height (dbh), and concentrations of standing dead trees.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

National Forest Foundation
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Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption: Pub. Resources Code, section 4799.05, subd. (d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Public Resources Code, section 4799.05, subd. (d)(1) statutorily exempts from CEQA projects for prescribed fire, reforestation, habitat restoration, thinning, or fuel reduction projects, or to related activities included in the project description, undertaken in whole or in part on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy is amending its grant agreement to the National Forest Foundation to partner with the U.S. Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest to implement fuel reduction treatments on the Tahoe National Forest. The project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA in the Sugar Pine Roadside Fuel Break Decision Memo signed on July 14, 2023 and subsequent Sugar Pine Roadside Fuel Break Decision Memo Update signed on January 6, 2026.

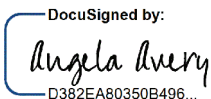
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Andy Fristensky

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If filed by applicant: N/A

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project:
Yes ___ No ___

Signature:  D382EA80350B496...

Title: Executive Officer

Date: 06/09/2026

Signed by Lead Agency: Yes

Signed by Applicant: No

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.